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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Akira HAMAMATSU et al.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2006, the period of response for which extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2;

Remarks are included beginning on page 7; and

Authorization is included on page 9.